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August Meeting
Friday August 18
7:30 PM

Program

Chris Wimmer (AB6JG) on

Integrated Emergency Management Systems

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane
Lafayette CA

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Survivor

By Greg Estep, KE6VTA

Can you survive a catastrophic event?

Will you be able to communicate with your fellow amateurs on the three days following such an event?

Do you have water, medicine, basic food supplies to last three days?

Do you have these supplies in any place you may be stuck for three days such as work?

If so, you may be a survivor. No, you won't win a million dollars. But, you can be part of a Bay Area emergency response. If you are still interested, please continue and get the training and documentation needed to help.

1. Contact Mike Patterson, KE6JGA and fill out a form so Contra Costa County has your information.
2. Contact Sam Lipson, KO6JR and find out where the next set of training classes are.
3. Check into the RACES net on Thursday, Sam Lipson will be able to tell you what frequency.
4. Volunteer for public service events, contact Pete Harris, KE6ZIW. This is where you can get hands on experience with the skills that you learn in the classes.

Be a survivor. You don't have to eat bugs, live on rice or vote anyone off the island.

73, Greg

MDARC General Meeting
July 21, 2000

Greg, KE6VTA, opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Sam, KO6JR, announced membership at 350, with 205 of those as RRRG supporters. Income from memberships is $6271, with $5195 from RRRG. Sam requested upgrades and new addresses, including e-mail addresses be sent to him for inclusion in the new directory, which will be available by e-mail.

Sam mentioned that there will be RACES training in Sept., and that next Wed. there will be a regionwide Hospital Net test. He noted that there is still an unanswered question re DSW oaths. There will be an ARES/RACES event at Pacificon.

Sam has been appointed to the Nominating Committee, with Greg and Cal, KE6OEH.

Greg reminded all that the MDARC picnic is tomorrow at Baldwin Park, Bonifacio and Port Chicago Hwy, in Concord.

Terry, KE6WRE, announced that there is a general meeting of the Pacificon Committee tomorrow morning at 8 a.m. at Emil Villa's in Concord.

The program next month will be on emergency preparedness at Chevron, by the head of that function.

Jeff, KF6EUM, noted that he has Pacificon tickets to sell, and tickets for members to take to sell.

Greg encouraged visitors to identify themselves; they were: Brendan, KG6BXQ, a new member, and Monte Waite, WA6JYB, a friend of the speaker, and Michael and Jason Burge, newly minted Techs.

John, KR6CR, announced the prizes for the evening.

Pete, KE6ZIW, encouraged members to sign up for the public service events that are coming up.

Terry introduced the speaker, Professor Sam Vigil, WA6NGH, who presented a great slide show with comments on his camping adventures mountaintopping with QRP and simple antenna equipment in Colorado, Alaska, and Oregon with friends who are firewatchers.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Dickey, Secretary

MDARC Speaker for Fri, 21 Jul 2000

Terry, KE6WRE

Chris Wimmer (AB6JG), Lead Emergency Preparedness Specialist from Chevron's Business and Real Estate Services will join us at our August meeting and speak on their Integrated Emergency Management Systems. The talk will focus on plans surrounding Business Resumption from a minor internal flood in a single building, to the very large bay area wide earthquake. Chris has been a HAM for the past 10 years and is a VEC. He is responsible for all of Chevron's domestic Office Building Emergency Management Programs.

73 Terry

MDARC Picnic

Jay, KT6Y

On Saturday July 22 at Baldwin Park, In Concord aprox 60 members and family attended The annual picnic. It was a beautiful day, warm, with lots of shade at one of the best parks in the county. Everybody had a great time eating barbecued hamburgers, hot-dogs, fresh corn on the cob, salad, watermelon, cup cakes, and soft drinks. The Transmitter hunt was won by Harry Styron. Lots of games were held, and at the end, a nice drawing for prizes. Anybody that did not make it missed a very nice time.

Marsha, KE6WKD

The weather was great.
The food was first rate.

The egg toss was grand
When raw egg slimed Tracy's hand.

The water balloons were fun.
It kept the kids on the run.

The transmitter hunt was devious.
The pocket-hiding place was mischievous.

All things considered, The picnic was great!
So for picnic 2001, don't be late!

Oooops, Seeing Double

The editor: WB6WZV

Last month there was an error that this editor did not detect in time to correct. The printer printed one page twice. Yes, you were seeing correctly, page 2 was also page 3 and the articles on page 3 did not get printed. I most humbly ask for the forgiveness of those concerned. In particular Jerry, KE6WRE, forgiveness is sought, as his announcement of the speaker of the month was not in the printed Carrier. We all should get the Carrier via email, as that was correct.

73, Wayne

THERE WAS ONCE A YOUNG MAN who, in his youth, professed his desire become a great writer. When asked to define "Great" he said, "I want to write phrases that the whole world will read..., phrases that people will react to on a truly emotional level..., phrases that will make them scream, cry, howl in pain and anger!"

He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.

Want Ads

I have wondered for a long time why we do not have personal want ads in the Carrier. The more I thought about it the less reason could I find for not having them. So as now, if no one gives me a good reason why not, ads for wants and sales will be put in the Carrier as space allows. These ads must be for ham related equipment and are restricted to one item per month. An item can be a whole station if that is how you want to sell it, but can not be an HT, Antenna, and a TNC to be sold as separate items. The editor reserves the sole authority to accept or reject any ad and to modify it as may be desirable. That having been said, bring on all of that equipment you are not using or the little thing you want. Chances are that it will some other member will want or have it.

The Editor

Wanted: Control knobs for the Azden PCS 5000. Will consider a Junker 5000 if you have one.

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The Oldest Mariner

WB6WZV

About two years ago David Clark, KB6TAM., started out from San Francisco to attempt to be the oldest man to circumnavigate the world. Currently he expects to be back to Fort Lauderdale in May 2001. You can check him out on the Seafarers nets on 14.313 or 14.300 MHz. He asked MDARC to help keep him in touch. Here is a update on his progress.

On the facing page are before and after pictures of "Mollie Milar" when she arrived Port Moresby, and after the Royal Papua Yacht Club repainted her just before her departure.

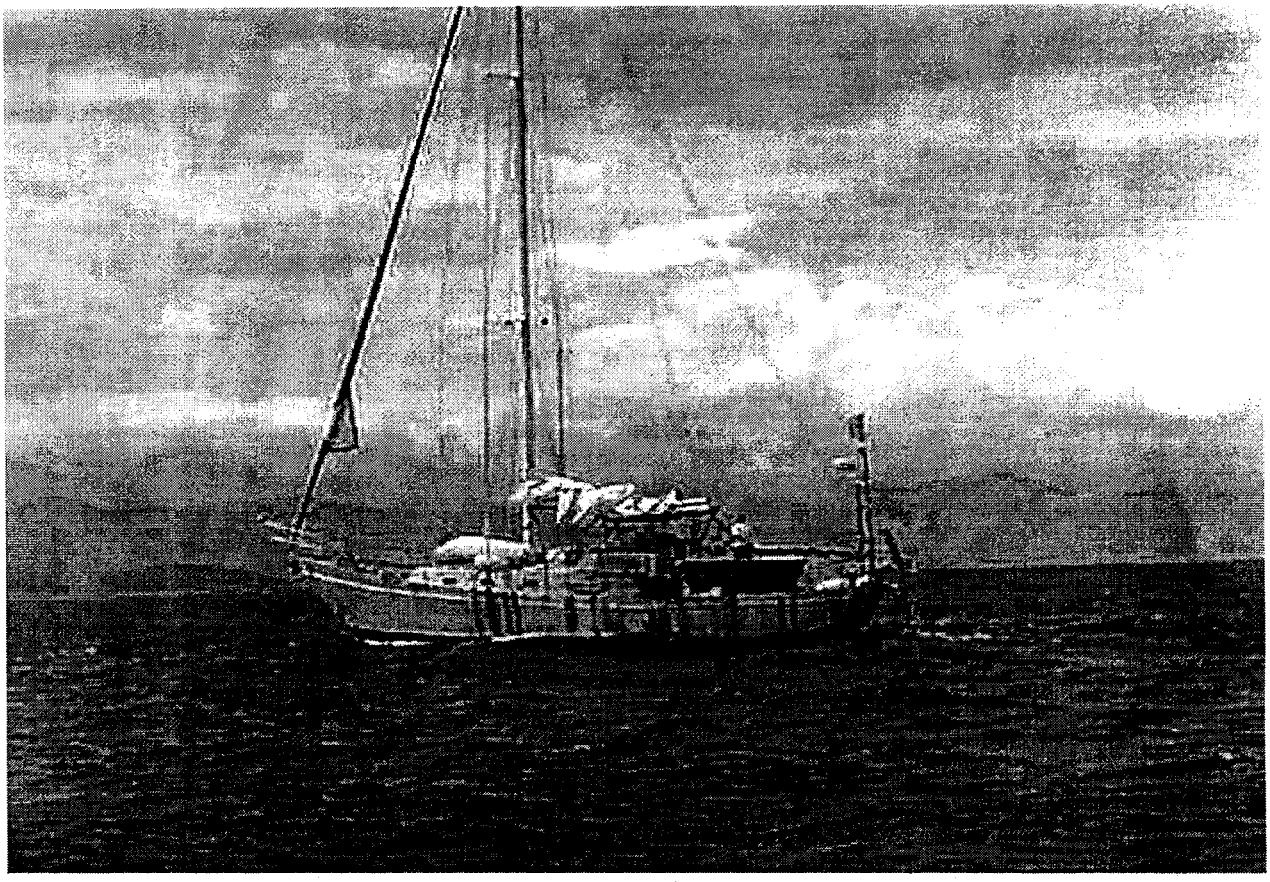
Lynda, David's XYL, Reports:

David departed Port Moresby on Sunday 7/16, and we did not hear from him for a couple of days because he was unable to communicate via ham radio. On Tuesday 7/18 a message came to me via his Orbcom/Magellan handheld unit saying "Can't hear ham, going into Torres Straits." And on 7/20 another message saying "Just out of Torres, now on way to Mauritius. Send Reply." Messages were being sent, but for some reason he was not able to pick them up. However, he kept sending messages anyway. On 7/22 the following message was sent: "Broken wind vane, going to Gove, Australia." NOTE: The shaft of the wind vane was originally damaged (and welded) when David was in Cabo San Lucas on his maiden voyage from Californa to Florida. He uses it about 99% of the time and it works excellently. He certainly did not want to continue on to Mauritius without it. David faxed me a message saying "I think it's the best gear made and I see them all over the world. My advise to the cruisers is 'don't leave home without it'."

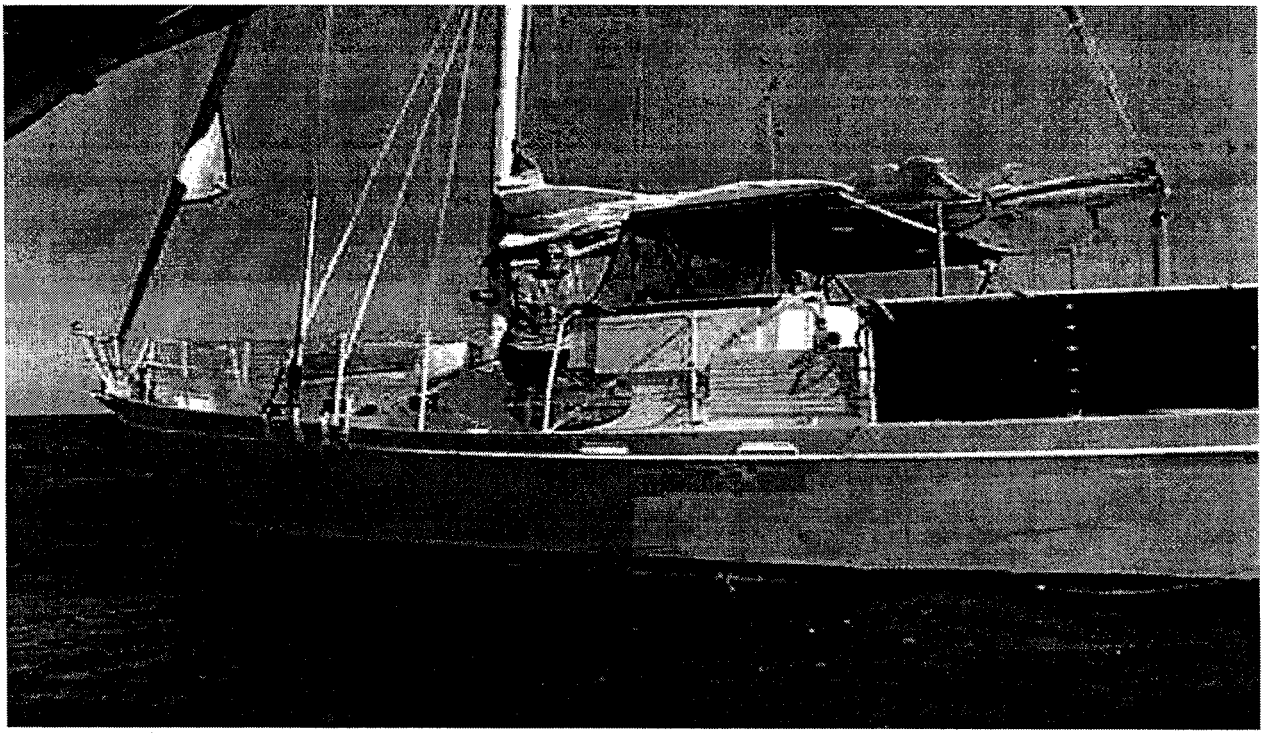
Although David was unable to make radio contact with the Pacific Seafarer's net after he left New Guinea, the ham operators who had been patching telephone calls for us over the past few months have hung in there with us and have continued to assist us as much as possible. On 7/20 an email came from John Thomas who had picked David up on "Tony's Net" out of NZ. He gave me David's position and passed the information on to the Seafarer's Net. He has continued to keep us updated on David's position and pass on messages. Also has been arranging a corridor of communications to other Nets letting them know that David will be in their area, so that they can listen for him.

David arrived Gove, Australia Tues. 7/26 and was warmly received. He is anchored at the Gove Yacht Club. A phone call told me he has now had the shaft of the wind vane welded and has the radio back working. As usual there are other small repairs, such as getting the sail to the sailmaker for reinforcements, etc. He plans to leave next Mon or Tues. We want to thank all the ham operators again for their constant vigil over "Mollie Milar" and all the other cruising sailors. Also, we would like to thank Peter Goodwin, Commodore at Port Moresby Royal Papua Yacht Club for providing David with an EPIRB before he left New Guinea. (For those who don't know-it is a signaling device that gives your position should you be in an emergency situation).

Lynda for David and "Mickey", (The poodle that acts as first mate and dog)



The Mollie Milar before



The Mollie Milar after a paint job

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Please welcome our new members and note changes to member's listings (including upgrades) below. Keep this with your directory to keep it as up to date as possible. Also, if you have changes to your listing, please let me know at the Club PO Box, a Club meeting or at ko6jr@arrl.net. 73, Sam

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

08/07/2000	7:30 PM	MDARC Board meeting	at Emil Villa's in Concord
08/18/2000	7:30 PM	MDARC General meeting	
08/19/2000	8:00 AM	PACIFICON General meeting	at Emil Villa's in Concord
08/31/2000		Carrier Deadline	
09/04/2000	7:30 PM	MDARC Board meeting	at Emil Villa's in Concord
09/15/2000	7:30 PM	MDARC General meeting	
09/16/2000	8:00 AM	PACIFICON General meeting	at Emil Villa's in Concord

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